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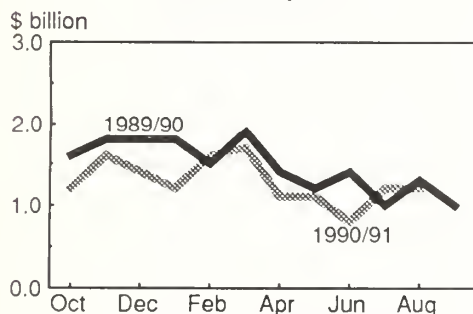


# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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## Trade Surplus



**August Trade Surplus Down** -- The agricultural trade surplus fell slightly to \$1.1 billion, a \$32 million decline from July. Exports showed a modest drop and imports stayed level. The cumulative October through August trade surplus totaled \$14 billion, 16 percent below last year (table 3).

**Exports Decline Slightly** -- Agricultural exports fell 3 percent (\$85 million) in August to \$2.8 billion. Exports rose for wheat, animal feed, and live animals but declined for corn, fruits, vegetables, cotton, tobacco, meat products, and soybeans. Cumulative October-August exports equaled \$34.7 billion, a 7 percent fall from last year.

Total grain and feed exports continued to increase in August after dropping considerably in April and May. However, they were still 11 percent short of last year's level.

**Wheat** exports showed the largest gains in August. Value rose 18 percent to \$287 million from July, and its highest level since March. Volume jumped to 2.6 million tons, 484,000 tons higher than July. Shipments to China and Japan together accounted for 29 percent of August's exports. Brazil was also a large recipient. Lesser markets, which still received over 100,000 tons for the month, included Egypt, Pakistan, Korea, the Soviet Union, and the Philippines.

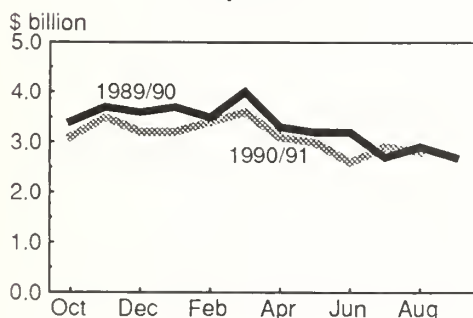
While still the largest exported agricultural commodity, **corn** shipments in August did not fare as well as wheat. Value fell \$24 million to \$424 million and volume dropped 337,000 tons to 3.8 million tons. August's shipments were still higher than April, May, or June's, and about equaled last August. Over 1.2 million tons were shipped to Japan, accounting for about 33 percent of the month's exports. The Soviets received about 770,000 tons, and Taiwan over 460,000 tons. Large deliveries also went to Egypt, Belgium, and Korea.

**Soybean** export value dropped 18 percent to \$202 million and volume dropped 19 percent to 899,000 tons. These levels were the lowest since October, but they were still higher than last August. Japan and Taiwan accounted for the bulk of the shipments, with Japan receiving about 345,000 tons and Taiwan about 190,000 tons. Korea and the USSR received over 100,000 tons each.

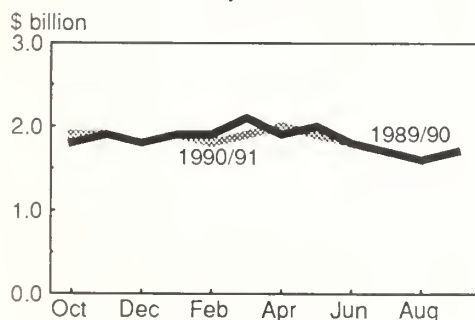
**Cotton** exports continued to slip, as they have since March. This drop reflects a smaller U.S. share of the cotton export market due to increased foreign production. Value fell 14 percent to \$69 million and volume fell 13 percent to 40,000 tons. The majority of shipments went to Japan and Korea.

**Imports Remain Level** -- Agricultural imports for August totaled \$1.7 billion, about the same as July. They increased for coffee, tobacco, and cocoa, but were offset by drops in sugar, dairy products, and live animals. The cumulative import total for October-August reached \$20.8 billion, remaining level with last year. (Susan Pollack, 202-219-0822)

## Exports



## Imports



**High-Value Exports Surpass Traditional Products** -- In fiscal 1991, high-value product (HVP) exports will have exceeded bulk exports for virtually the first time (table 4). Except during the two world wars, bulk exports have almost never accounted for less than half the value of U.S. farm product exports since at least the middle of the 19th century. Long-term changes in relative prices and recent government subsidies in world markets account for much of this shift in favor of HVP. (Stephen MacDonald, 202-219-0822)

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-August				August			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	37,505,570	34,758,352	--	--	2,943,809	2,840,983
Animals & animal prods (NA)	--	--	6,073,673	6,216,964	--	--	541,139	561,244
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	--	--	319,339	488,716	--	--	19,248	62,886
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	113	224	82,487	141,363	9	36	6,568	22,130
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	71	80	185,745	281,365	6	6	8,397	33,636
Swine - live (NO)	52	147	9,093	18,213	2	18	453	1,667
Sheep, live (NO)	400	657	12,979	20,919	55	80	1,717	2,240
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	29,034	26,856	--	--	2,113	3,214
Meats & meat prods (MT)	803	857	2,243,395	2,547,982	76	77	223,235	221,284
Beef & veal (MT)	330	353	1,362,484	1,589,804	31	33	143,980	137,571
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	323	344	1,330,635	1,557,801	30	32	139,574	133,904
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	8	8	31,850	32,003	1	1	4,406	3,667
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	50	46	133,782	134,509	5	4	14,394	10,901
Pork (MT)	82	80	316,316	300,837	5	7	22,755	23,451
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	68	65	282,152	261,904	4	6	19,769	20,452
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	14	15	34,164	38,933	1	1	2,987	2,999
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	223	265	334,828	411,359	22	23	32,745	38,307
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	118	113	95,985	111,472	12	11	9,361	11,053
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	784,895	918,505	--	--	77,008	84,492
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	88,041	98,528	--	--	9,393	10,399
Baby chicks (NO)	36,565	46,057	73,248	85,299	3,843	4,118	8,169	8,485
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	14,792	13,229	--	--	1,225	1,913
Poultry meats (MT)	517	578	581,680	673,753	51	50	57,537	61,186
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	462	500	476,499	532,575	44	41	45,133	46,058
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	18	34	24,275	49,408	2	5	3,241	6,529
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	13	13	13,962	14,862	1	1	1,432	1,399
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	24	30	66,945	76,908	3	3	7,731	7,200
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	28,853	19,712	0	0	1,621	799
Eggs (NA)	--	--	86,321	126,511	--	--	8,457	12,108
Dairy prods (NA)	--	--	331,270	261,041	--	--	19,941	29,372
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	4	2	3,005	2,175	0	0	296	134
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	20	13	33,008	16,495	0	4	283	4,284
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	69	10	107,999	15,870	0	1	413	1,298
Cheese (MT)	11	11	32,295	32,304	1	1	3,107	3,878
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	32,079	61,705	--	--	3,455	5,966
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	122,884	132,492	--	--	12,388	13,811
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,164	1,055	424,458	378,583	99	100	34,780	35,268
Lard (MT)	43	57	19,936	25,997	4	6	1,776	2,571
Tallow - inedible (MT)	922	777	319,650	257,329	73	74	24,117	24,071
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	198	222	84,872	95,257	22	20	8,887	8,626
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,712,788	1,352,423	--	--	145,272	103,762
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	22,371	19,879	1,328,417	1,072,430	2,027	1,769	117,475	90,204
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	35,373	15,365	--	--	3,428	1,806
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	188,855	163,199	--	--	20,149	8,146
Furskins (NA)	--	--	160,143	101,429	--	--	4,220	3,607
Mink pelts (NO)	5,026	3,850	113,146	71,863	106	120	2,547	2,341
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	46,997	29,565	--	--	1,673	1,265
Wool & mohair (MT)	7	7	29,610	19,297	0	0	1,049	1,420
Sausage casings (MT)	10	16	30,417	32,055	1	1	2,323	2,704
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	55,641	47,029	--	--	3,683	3,617
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	141,859	171,333	--	--	14,598	16,438
Grains & feeds (MT)	105,889	87,031	14,742,962	11,169,333	8,769	8,316	1,186,181	1,059,862
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	25,218	24,190	3,868,208	2,575,286	2,491	2,624	326,480	286,588
Wheat flour (MT)	822	997	189,618	186,368	55	84	10,079	16,026
Bulgur wheat (MT)	16	9	2,723	2,579	0	0	15	8
Other wheat prods (MT)	15	25	14,084	26,583	2	2	1,705	2,385
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,285	2,224	764,978	686,618	141	148	45,468	51,699
Feed grains & prods (MT)	66,185	48,335	7,714,623	5,341,297	4,771	4,507	570,907	502,631
Feed grains (MT)	65,745	47,826	7,593,293	5,213,949	4,721	4,472	557,186	493,430
Barley (MT)	1,748	1,314	211,907	135,021	218	161	24,108	16,395
Corn (MT)	57,203	41,079	6,620,853	4,491,627	3,898	3,820	464,838	423,954
Grain sorghums (MT)	6,780	5,423	758,789	586,129	602	491	67,893	53,003
Oats (MT)	9	6	1,247	884	1	0	77	54
Rye (MT)	5	3	497	287	2	0	270	25
Feed grain prods (MT)	440	509	121,330	127,348	50	34	13,721	9,201
Popcorn (MT)	65	80	37,173	44,414	6	10	2,963	5,340
Blended food prods (MT)	273	230	78,288	66,717	81	12	19,822	3,854
Other grain prods (MT)	557	630	361,440	482,764	34	92	34,932	50,163
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	10,453	10,311	1,711,827	1,756,707	1,188	838	173,811	141,170
Corn by-products (MT)	5,311	5,627	730,517	779,039	705	479	85,746	61,765
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	505	505	79,019	82,522	57	43	9,143	6,478
Beet pulp (MT)	507	536	62,729	59,690	39	11	4,547	1,166
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	457	566	51,560	76,699	0	0	0	35
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,673	3,077	788,002	758,757	387	305	74,375	71,725
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,068	2,175	1,656,610	1,905,432	195	194	175,090	180,135
Fruits - fr (MT)	1,748	1,763	1,211,477	1,396,946	160	153	128,376	129,480
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	880	818	509,870	568,937	52	35	30,735	29,579
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	278	442	155,980	259,072	11	12	5,889	5,919
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	129	116	97,383	113,374	12	10	9,672	11,334
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	472	258	255,866	195,940	29	13	15,155	12,305
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	868	946	701,607	828,009	108	118	97,641	99,901
Apples - fresh (MT)	329	348	167,237	218,237	13	20	9,079	13,470
Grapes - fresh (MT)	116	144	131,085	166,870	24	22	26,758	25,398
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	424	453	403,286	442,902	71	76	61,804	61,033
Fruits - dried (MT)	169	228	272,745	301,579	17	22	27,765	27,888
Raisins - dried (MT)	93	123	147,214	163,689	11	13	16,348	17,105
Prunes - dried (MT)	67	92	106,385	113,495	6	8	9,599	9,336
Other dried fruits (MT)	9	12	19,147	24,395	1	1	1,819	1,447



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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	75	91	78,329	94,862	6	9	6,653	9,799
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	32	36	35,030	32,794	7	3	6,033	3,670
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	46	58	59,029	79,251	5	7	6,262	9,298
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	5,421	5,781	298,882	310,948	656	461	32,396	25,178
Orange juice (HL)	3,011	3,263	150,813	157,518	397	248	18,592	11,794
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,410	2,518	148,069	153,431	259	213	13,804	13,384
Wine (HL)	751	951	96,667	123,288	82	96	10,783	12,719
Nuts & prep (MT)	520	439	842,448	860,365	31	29	57,155	75,169
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	148	176	469,863	495,235	11	18	33,918	52,572
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	284	164	178,014	122,695	17	7	12,066	8,421
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	62	57	116,594	119,772	1	1	3,135	1,977
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	6	11	22,293	36,879	1	1	3,573	3,661
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	20	31	55,684	85,784	1	3	4,462	8,539
Vegetables & prep (NA)	--	--	1,932,148	2,416,169	--	--	143,922	179,238
Vegetables - fr (MT)	1,059	1,331	549,499	766,434	65	64	32,654	31,139
Celery - fresh (MT)	87	104	30,575	39,400	3	4	1,061	1,048
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	52	57	31,141	41,146	2	3	1,344	1,989
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	186	273	81,489	125,457	13	14	5,581	4,730
Onions - fresh (MT)	108	140	34,558	50,400	9	8	2,545	2,808
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	139	147	57,506	65,675	10	7	4,481	3,388
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	106	128	69,297	106,227	10	10	5,691	5,160
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	380	481	244,933	338,129	17	17	11,951	12,016
Vegetables - froz (MT)	291	274	230,591	223,193	26	24	20,966	19,475
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	54	52	42,938	42,118	4	4	3,797	3,094
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	179	157	128,929	116,943	16	14	11,792	10,362
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	59	65	58,724	64,131	5	6	5,376	6,019
Vegetables - canned (MT)	182	226	156,218	199,343	12	16	10,507	14,373
Pulses (MT)	553	599	293,895	309,994	31	42	16,140	20,620
Dried beans (MT)	360	491	224,073	258,852	18	37	11,310	18,185
Dried peas (MT)	139	73	43,473	32,071	8	4	2,392	1,433
Dried lentils (MT)	54	35	26,349	19,071	5	2	2,437	1,002
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	13	9	82,311	68,728	1	1	4,673	5,636
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	619,634	848,476	--	--	58,983	87,995
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	22,620	20,520	5,774,211	5,223,000	1,185	1,457	334,056	382,368
Oilcake & meal (MT)	4,533	4,694	980,554	945,897	303	409	64,020	85,694
Soybean meal (MT)	4,364	4,208	955,134	882,657	280	364	60,986	79,838
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	169	485	25,420	63,240	23	46	3,034	5,856
Oilseeds (MT)	16,887	14,881	4,034,827	3,623,845	786	935	203,849	227,318
Soybeans (MT)	16,477	14,409	3,760,509	3,300,120	761	899	181,141	201,907
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	91	82	50,362	52,867	4	4	2,763	3,677
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	62	54	44,350	36,540	4	4	2,770	3,065
Other oilseeds (MT)	188	243	56,054	76,421	9	20	3,838	6,166
Protein substances (MT)	68	93	123,553	157,898	7	8	13,337	12,503
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,200	946	758,829	653,259	96	112	66,188	69,356
Soybean oil (MT)	553	291	301,067	160,643	38	42	22,031	20,067
Cottonseed oil (MT)	152	103	74,305	51,342	10	11	4,570	5,270
Sunflower oil (MT)	156	157	83,738	81,745	12	20	7,043	9,547
Corn oil (MT)	173	205	112,801	141,889	20	21	14,859	15,036
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	166	190	186,919	217,639	17	17	17,684	19,435
Tobacco - unmfg (MT)	206	229	1,285,562	1,471,453	10	13	62,462	84,007
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	49	60	337,610	427,086	3	3	17,682	22,914
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	117	124	774,175	850,150	4	7	29,081	49,476
Other tobacco - unmfg (MT)	40	46	173,776	194,217	3	2	15,699	11,618
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,576	1,529	2,558,624	2,545,181	119	40	192,502	68,727
Cotton linters (MT)	35	31	14,719	13,162	2	3	1,000	1,247
Essential oils (MT)	13	12	170,233	170,205	1	1	13,136	13,552
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	452	408	513,398	555,887	80	44	43,138	34,218
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	--	--	744,733	843,573	--	--	75,501	86,820
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	348,191	438,250	--	--	37,515	43,941
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	405	535	169,411	200,644	38	67	15,905	23,241
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	178,780	237,606	--	--	21,610	20,700
Coffee (MT)	15	15	87,252	83,713	1	1	6,533	6,444
Cocoa (MT)	18	17	42,369	40,895	2	2	5,329	3,777
Chocolate & prep (MT)	51	48	163,026	158,727	5	6	16,550	17,877
Tea & mate (MT)	8	11	37,697	50,244	1	1	3,349	6,922
Spices (MT)	10	14	30,126	34,973	1	1	2,789	3,135
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	18	18	32,944	33,697	1	2	3,231	4,250
Other misc veg prods (MT)	28	29	210,315	225,759	3	2	16,576	15,555
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	170,926	194,816	--	--	11,230	12,895
Beverages ex juices (NA)	--	--	419,458	512,816	--	--	47,542	48,050
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	11,950,327	13,361,327	--	--	1,283,973	1,172,352
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,345,977	2,781,969	--	--	232,925	234,789
Fish & shellfish (MT)	738	918	2,373,909	2,827,104	111	148	381,778	358,920
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	551	661	1,462,932	1,792,411	98	113	312,775	269,088
Shellfish (MT)	133	159	670,354	841,602	8	8	40,218	44,208
Other fish prods (MT)	53	98	240,624	193,091	6	28	28,785	45,624
Ag chemicals (MT)	263	223	1,274,984	1,169,501	27	14	89,968	87,614
Fungicides (MT)	22	21	167,861	168,571	2	2	18,631	9,787
Herbicides (MT)	129	86	615,857	459,490	15	5	33,004	32,320
Insecticides (MT)	49	57	209,093	242,051	4	4	15,414	25,670
Other pesticides (MT)	63	59	282,173	299,389	6	4	22,919	19,837
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,899,994	1,771,898	--	--	157,422	148,995
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	31	22	640,098	558,835	2	1	47,398	41,513
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	1,259,896	1,213,063	--	--	110,024	107,482
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	4,055,462	4,810,855	--	--	421,879	342,034

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-August				August			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	20,828,386	20,785,956	--	--	1,727,362	1,706,447
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	5,167,624	4,989,042	--	--	422,209	408,947
Bananas & plantains (MT)	2,973	3,093	852,246	900,045	270	302	77,858	88,453
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,214	1,028	1,875,904	1,701,224	78	83	128,127	123,086
Cocoa & prods (MT)	657	627	964,612	927,084	61	58	96,341	78,669
Tea (MT)	80	96	141,084	142,490	6	8	11,088	12,208
Spices (MT)	97	100	221,405	238,922	8	10	17,519	19,772
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	757	726	640,180	607,927	61	54	53,181	44,465
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	10,135	5,722	0	0	32	750
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	13	9	40,182	21,240	1	1	2,056	1,604
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	87	79	39,727	38,526	9	7	3,874	3,116
Essential oils (MT)	32	17	135,864	142,507	1	1	12,198	14,164
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	54	50	245,580	262,579	5	3	19,803	22,567
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	704	777	--	--	131	95
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	15,660,762	15,796,914	--	--	1,305,153	1,297,500
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	5,104,789	5,210,615	--	--	454,836	440,471
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	2,754	2,954	969,364	1,060,533	139	157	56,810	49,108
Cattle (NO)	1,842	1,978	829,211	908,639	78	58	46,694	35,116
Horses & mules (NO)	11	10	49,567	48,176	1	1	3,512	3,647
Swine (NO)	861	944	88,343	102,175	55	93	6,357	10,079
Sheep, live (NO)	23	20	1,666	1,416	2	5	201	258
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	1,049	1,091	2,608,721	2,767,743	104	102	260,411	258,850
Beef & veal (MT)	691	741	1,687,125	1,847,459	69	69	162,454	175,187
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	622	675	1,488,673	1,612,521	64	63	150,173	155,374
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	69	65	198,452	234,938	4	5	12,281	19,813
Pork (MT)	313	298	813,381	804,405	32	29	88,389	72,603
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	206	207	431,378	463,171	22	21	51,179	46,505
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	107	91	382,003	341,234	10	7	37,209	26,098
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	16	20	35,483	36,766	2	2	2,842	2,850
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	10	17	17,098	27,055	1	2	2,120	2,795
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	2	9,111	11,255	0	0	681	2,360
Other meats & prods (MT)	16	14	46,469	40,745	1	1	3,919	3,056
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	120,384	107,457	--	--	12,091	11,737
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	14,104	13,321	--	--	1,269	1,529
Poultry meat (MT)	4	4	17,833	14,601	1	0	2,626	1,363
Eggs (NA)	--	--	23,399	17,827	--	--	2,219	1,842
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	12	12	65,048	61,708	1	1	5,977	7,003
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	881,873	740,891	--	--	80,974	77,233
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	15	11	15,762	9,882	1	0	398	459
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	2	2	3,474	3,196	0	0	185	118
Cheese (MT)	131	120	403,511	382,231	12	12	38,260	36,008
Casein & mixtures (MT)	88	78	401,542	279,819	9	10	36,838	35,829
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	57,585	65,764	--	--	5,294	4,818
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	17	28	13,487	17,594	2	4	1,096	1,435
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	171,049	141,374	--	--	13,042	8,904
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	7	4	32,098	16,458	1	0	3,190	972
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	57,399	69,316	--	--	4,296	7,043
Furskins (NA)	--	--	81,553	55,600	--	--	5,556	889
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	31	39	136,093	146,525	3	3	11,991	11,474
Sausage casings (MT)	12	14	49,119	54,540	1	1	4,828	5,488
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,878	2,345	--	--	266	265
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	151,821	171,614	--	--	13,327	15,977
Grains & feeds (MT)	3,195	3,875	1,080,240	1,161,565	309	411	98,709	109,980
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	397	595	58,306	70,828	82	70	9,640	7,865
Corn, unmilled (MT)	32	75	4,105	8,134	1	23	80	2,446
Oats, unmilled (MT)	989	974	94,788	78,466	84	149	6,649	11,361
Barley, unmilled (MT)	224	430	37,162	47,787	3	24	326	2,696
Rice (MT)	131	142	65,562	70,926	11	14	4,909	6,486
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	145	137	308,222	310,797	13	12	28,825	28,512
Pasta & noodles (MT)	133	143	121,530	142,434	15	15	12,999	14,710
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	156,820	183,115	--	--	15,274	18,469
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	895	1,009	233,744	249,077	71	74	20,007	17,435
Fruits & preps (MT)	1,866	2,005	1,145,508	1,248,612	83	87	63,833	65,674
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	1,378	1,538	758,367	837,022	44	51	32,067	34,610
Strawberries (MT)	47	44	44,638	45,432	1	1	521	852
Apples, fresh (MT)	99	102	38,087	42,755	1	1	271	606
Citrus, fresh (MT)	82	163	21,342	68,724	6	12	969	2,406
Grapes, fresh (MT)	366	337	275,729	258,382	0	0	416	37
Mangoes (MT)	57	88	55,857	61,724	8	10	7,096	5,324
Melons (MT)	426	480	118,061	144,252	1	0	148	40
Pineapples (MT)	106	104	44,117	38,269	10	8	3,915	3,222
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	195	220	160,536	177,484	18	19	18,731	22,124
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	488	467	387,141	411,590	39	36	31,766	31,064
Pineapples - canned or prep (M)	266	265	156,139	172,343	23	22	13,325	14,308
Other fruits - prep or pres (M)	222	203	231,002	239,247	16	14	18,441	16,756
Orange juice (HL)	18,282	10,447	620,159	248,111	776	978	32,146	19,639
Other fruit juices (HL)	12,750	15,087	288,701	424,215	1,368	955	29,793	32,547
Nuts & preps (MT)	137	155	319,025	408,267	15	14	39,856	38,725
Brazil nuts (MT)	11	10	18,254	16,120	2	1	2,937	1,475
Cashew nuts (MT)	48	48	187,622	227,445	6	5	24,613	27,875
Chestnuts (MT)	4	3	10,161	9,076	0	0	10	70
Coconut meat (MT)	44	47	35,445	38,516	4	5	3,098	3,742
Filberts (MT)	0	0	731	685	0	0	26	11
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	2	14,242	18,885	0	0	2,888	1,536
Pistachio nuts (MT)	2	1	7,216	2,024	0	0	195	10
Other nuts (MT)	26	44	45,354	95,515	3	2	6,090	4,006

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity, continued

Commodity and unit	October-August				August			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	2,152,120	2,057,134	--	--	118,662	138,487
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,780	1,753	1,176,411	1,050,561	69	71	38,498	43,165
Tomatoes (MT)	376	347	387,228	258,547	11	9	4,537	3,631
Asparagus (MT)	18	23	26,205	31,378	1	1	1,092	1,046
Beans (MT)	20	17	22,793	15,212	1	1	548	878
Carrots (MT)	55	49	10,883	14,502	2	4	417	993
Cucumbers (MT)	188	172	75,293	77,235	1	2	618	812
Eggplant (MT)	14	20	17,002	12,960	0	0	82	36
Garlic (MT)	18	19	17,924	22,434	1	2	1,292	1,524
Lettuce (MT)	13	12	4,776	5,072	1	1	249	310
Onions (MT)	171	205	67,404	100,222	5	5	2,774	3,717
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	37	33	44,632	34,492	3	3	2,338	2,106
Peppers (MT)	132	128	153,494	132,534	6	10	4,059	7,965
Potatoes (MT)	254	297	77,638	74,288	9	6	3,215	2,441
Squash (MT)	78	76	42,910	47,829	0	1	55	377
Other veds - fr or froz (MT)	405	357	228,228	223,856	28	27	17,223	17,329
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	975,709	1,006,573	--	--	80,165	95,323
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	64	64	131,029	133,134	6	9	10,204	14,422
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	43	48	108,735	114,271	4	4	9,832	10,391
Hops, incl extract (MT)	8	9	35,171	37,605	0	0	4	318
Artichokes - prep (MT)	12	15	22,294	25,786	1	2	2,287	2,628
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	2,303	1,089	0	0	424	112
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (	145	108	130,354	85,300	8	8	5,902	5,505
Waterchestnuts (MT)	31	33	24,569	26,096	2	3	1,842	2,613
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	54	45	30,362	27,722	4	5	2,055	2,907
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	490,892	555,572	--	--	47,614	56,427
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	993,518	971,543	--	--	79,117	88,645
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,558	1,481	645,013	593,714	116	120	44,151	47,962
Molasses (HL)	6,617	9,184	65,290	81,996	406	987	4,103	7,432
Confectionery prods (MT)	99	94	173,128	185,744	13	12	21,966	21,833
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	246	252	110,087	110,089	20	28	8,898	11,398
Spices (MT)	20	14	27,328	26,185	2	1	1,825	1,805
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	175	192	528,015	611,595	19	19	53,868	57,326
Tobacco - filler (MT)	159	168	510,946	591,294	14	15	51,831	55,043
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	15	22	6,376	10,228	5	4	1,535	1,413
Other tobacco (MT)	1	2	10,694	10,074	0	0	502	871
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	12,462	11,974	1,716,881	1,713,616	1,326	1,235	175,847	158,154
Wine (HL)	2,496	2,178	851,076	856,100	224	183	78,595	68,795
Malt beverages (HL)	9,276	8,880	813,644	791,392	1,012	933	90,077	81,473
Other beverages (HL)	689	916	52,160	66,124	91	119	7,175	7,886
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	1,861	1,899	894,599	881,505	174	134	83,908	71,863
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	494	417	193,645	141,921	16	26	9,379	8,645
Flaxseed (MT)	101	90	32,927	19,039	4	8	1,112	1,524
Sesameseed (MT)	43	32	54,428	37,435	3	3	4,576	3,064
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	351	294	106,290	85,447	9	15	3,691	4,057
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,078	1,118	655,781	688,657	118	65	68,722	57,176
Castor oil (MT)	37	28	34,779	24,763	2	0	1,922	3
Coconut oil (MT)	451	394	184,461	121,921	53	8	17,774	2,774
Olive oil (MT)	86	94	172,354	209,607	9	11	19,930	25,258
Palm oil (MT)	108	125	28,417	40,332	11	5	2,742	2,006
Palm kernel oil (MT)	153	127	64,084	46,275	11	10	4,178	3,569
Other vegetable oils (MT)	243	350	171,687	245,758	33	31	22,176	23,567
Oilcake & meal (MT)	288	364	45,172	50,927	40	43	5,807	6,042
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	0	1	566	1,758	0	1	40	672
Cotton linters (MT)	28	14	17,755	12,051	2	1	1,671	952
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	167	161	157,514	163,716	4	7	10,064	12,075
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	287,543	296,034	--	--	20,185	17,035
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	181,638	191,841	--	--	27,120	28,559
Other vegetable prods (MT)	40	38	144,864	168,552	3	3	13,671	14,892
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	9,161,441	9,329,256	--	--	791,470	783,848
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	14,933	16,692	1,335,820	1,465,687	1,404	1,741	106,369	138,457
Potassium (MT)	6,191	6,859	502,888	530,219	609	835	42,474	59,050
Phosphate (MT)	4,072	4,959	278,018	353,296	379	501	22,594	30,897
Fish (MT)	1,303	1,236	4,777,835	5,045,191	130	114	454,540	462,600
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	868	852	2,363,944	2,481,547	83	77	250,054	213,410
Shellfish (MT)	330	320	2,361,676	2,518,769	28	33	196,599	244,901
Fish prods, other (MT)	105	64	52,216	44,876	20	4	7,887	4,290
Ag chemicals (MT)	92	81	502,147	489,340	8	6	32,147	21,577
Fungicides (MT)	18	20	46,598	53,790	2	2	4,402	4,449
Herbicides (MT)	26	19	150,260	125,074	1	1	2,448	2,375
Insecticides (MT)	3	4	32,344	34,040	0	0	909	1,629
Other pesticides (MT)	45	38	272,946	276,436	5	3	24,388	13,124
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,458,805	2,200,305	--	--	191,930	144,581
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	1,548	1,313	1,205,756	1,149,904	121	113	94,114	70,481
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,253,049	1,050,401	--	--	97,816	74,099
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	86,834	128,733	--	--	6,484	16,633

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.  
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.



Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	June	July	Aug	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	2,653	2,926	2,841	34,758	-7.3
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,959	1,865	1,822	22,310	-2.1
Imports (Customs val.)	1,884	1,760	1,706	20,786	-0.2
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	509	782	1,019	12,448	-15.4
Exports minus Customs valued imports	768	1,167	1,135	13,972	-16.2
Preliminary data.					

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	June	July	Aug	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	2,653	2,926	2,841	34,758	-7.3
Live animals	35	48	73	587	44.2
Meat & preps	285	290	282	3,222	14.0
Dairy prod & eggs	38	50	41	388	-7.2
Animal fats	37	35	35	379	-10.8
Hides & skins	113	106	104	1,352	-21.0
Wheat	167	243	287	2,575	-33.4
Rice	44	52	52	687	-10.2
Corn	295	447	424	4,492	-32.2
Other feed grains	13	51	69	722	-25.7
Animal feeds	226	214	227	2,703	0.4
Soybeans	226	247	202	3,300	-12.2
Vegetable oils	38	97	69	653	-13.9
Horticult. prods.	613	594	555	6,685	16.1
Cotton & linters	145	81	70	2,558	-0.6
Tobacco, unmg.	111	96	84	1,471	14.5
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--U.S. agricultural exports, 1950-1991

Fiscal year 1/	Total exports	Bulk 2/ products	High-value 3/ products	Percent total
	\$ bill.	\$ bill.	\$ bill.	
1950-59 ave.	3,593	2,294	1,299	36
1960-69 ave.	5,846	3,817	2,029	35
1970-79 ave.	11,940	8,076	3,863	32
1980	40,481	27,754	12,727	31
1981	43,780	29,694	14,086	32
1982	39,097	26,236	12,861	37
1983	34,769	22,782	11,987	40
1984	38,027	25,577	12,450	34
1985	31,201	19,589	11,612	39
1986	26,234	14,040	12,194	49
1987	27,876	14,148	13,728	51
1988	35,316	18,982	16,334	48
1989	39,652	21,883	17,770	46
1990	40,182	21,324	18,858	46
1991 (E)	37,500	17,554	19,926	53

1/ 1950-69 data in calendar years.

2/ Raw grains, oilseeds, cotton, &amp; tobacco.

3/ All other agricultural products.

E = Estimated.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	June	July	Aug	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,884	1,760	1,706	20,786	-0.2
Live animals	70	60	51	1,074	9.2
Meat & preps.	291	267	260	2,782	5.9
Dairy prod, eggs	79	81	79	759	-16.2
Grains & feeds	110	108	110	1,162	7.5
Fruits & nuts	318	269	245	3,229	0.1
Vegetables	171	147	138	2,057	-4.4
Vegetable oils	61	64	57	689	5.0
Wine	69	65	69	856	0.6
Malt beverages	75	87	81	791	-2.7
Coffee	105	113	123	1,701	-9.3
Cocoa	85	70	79	927	-3.9
Rubber, natural	49	46	44	608	-5.0
Sugar-cane & beet	73	57	48	594	-8.0
Tobacco, unmg.	77	65	57	612	15.8
Seeds, flowers	38	38	58	652	4.0
Preliminary data.					

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